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TCL head takes 'full responsibility'

► Scott Ferguson says Trade Centre Limited already working on auditor general's recommendations ► Shared account between Crown corporation and HRM flagged by Larry Munroe in report



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Scott Ferguson says he takes full blame for cutting two unauthorized cheques for cash-strapped promoter Harold MacKay.

"Those two payments, yes, would have been a mistake on my part. I certainly accept full responsibility for that," the Trade Centre Limited president and CEO told Metro yesterday.

"All I would have been aware of (was) the fact that there was a show that was weeks away, that required an advance, and I made that decision."

Ferguson was flagged in municipal auditor general Larry Munroe's report into five years of concerts on the Halifax Common.

"Mr. Ferguson was an active participant in the process of issuing the advances on ticket sales for concerts on the North Common.... At least two advanced pay-



"People are accountable. I need to be and I am."

SCOTT FERGUSON, TCL CEO AND PRESIDENT

ments were made by Mr. Ferguson without the written approval of (then-deputy chief administrative officer of HRM Wayne) Anstey," reads the report.

Ferguson said there was a "great deal of confusion" surrounding the concerts, beginning with the Keith Urban show in

2007.

"In the weeks prior to that show, my concern really was to try and make the best of what I considered to be a bad situation," he said.

Ferguson was one of a handful of names — including Anstey, Mayor Peter Kelly and former TCL president Fred MacGillivray — named in Munroe's report.

Munroe found Kelly, Anstey and Ferguson "all felt pressured to ensure the concerts happened," albeit for different reasons.

The provincial auditor general's office is reviewing Munroe's report, and weighing the possibility of its own audit into TCL — a Crown corporation — and its involvement in the scandal.

Deputy auditor general Alan Horgan said yesterday it would be premature to comment on the report's findings, but said staff will discuss it when auditor general Jacques Lapointe returns from vacation in two weeks.



► Boston Bruins forward Brad Marchand of Hammonds Plains celebrates after scoring a second-period goal against the Vancouver Canucks in Game 4 of the Stanley Cup final last night. Boston won 4-0 to even the series at 2-2. Story, page 25.

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Marchand scores again as Bruins even series

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Problem gambling blamed for suicides

An average of six people a year kill themselves in Nova Scotia because of problem gambling, according to a draft report the provincial government initially tried to keep from being publicized because of its methodology.

The estimate is contained in a draft report that examined the social and economic impacts of gambling. It was shelved two

years ago by the province.

The NDP government strongly disputes the report's conclusions, saying it is littered with errors and flaws in its research.

The report, commissioned by a previous Tory government as part of a provincial gaming strategy in 2005, cautions there are data gaps — Nova Scotia does not publish the number of all suicides annually,

"Until police and coroners begin to collect information related to gambling, we're making the best-educated guesses we can."

RESEARCHER MARK ANIELSKI

for instance.

But the study says it pro-

vides "a reasonably complete snapshot" of gambling's socio-economic impact, given the information available.

"Although ... there is no definitive number of these suicides that can be directly linked to a gambling addiction, it is possible to estimate the annual gambling-related suicides ranged from 6.8 in 1996 to a low of four in 2000," the

report says.

Researcher Mark Anielski produced estimates of the number of suicides based on suicide figures from health authorities as well as expert advice.

The Canadian Press and an anti-gambling group called Game Over VLTs applied for the release of the report under access-to-information legislation.

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Workers await strike orders

► Rotating postal walkouts continue today in smaller communities, including Bathurst, N.B., Summerside, P.E.I. ► No areas of Nova Scotia yet affected



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Some postal workers are itching for Halifax's turn on the rotating picket line.

It was announced last night that 13 small to mid-sized communities across the country were to be the latest locations to host a rotating strike today.

"We don't tell anybody until the absolute last minute because we don't give the information to the employer early, but soon," said CUPW Nova Local president Trevor Beckerson, when asked when Halifax will have a turn.

"There will be one in Halifax and we expect it to be 24 hours like all the other ones."

Cities like Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Mon-

Adjustments

Canada Post will cut staffing levels at its mail-sorting plants and reduce the frequency of mail deliveries in urban centres across the country to adjust to lower volumes since rotating strikes began, the Crown corporation says.

► "This is all as a result of the 50 per cent drop we've seen in our volumes in the last five days due to the union's rotating strike activity," said

treal, Moncton and Victoria have all had a turn on the picket line.

Since vacation, sick leave, benefits and overtime were cut, many postal workers in Halifax are frustrated, said Beckerson.

"Some people want to

Canada Post spokesman John Hamilton.

► Mail pickups from red letter boxes will continue as usual and Canada Post customer offices will maintain normal hours, but deliveries of letters and admail by members of the union will be reduced starting next week, he said.

► Canada Post will also keep its sorting plants running but will reduce hours.

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get it over with. They're tired of waiting and they want their turn to do the rotating strike," Beckerson said.

"Many of them want to send a message to the employer that we're not standing for this."



► An unidentified worker walks past delivery vehicles at the post office in Halifax last weekend.



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New site to report crime

► Website doesn't replace 911



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It's bad enough to be a victim of a crime, but waiting on hold when trying to call police the next day makes it even more frustrating.

Yesterday Halifax Regional Police launched a website for citizens to report crimes that are not in progress like fraud, theft, damage or theft from a vehicle.

"Within the 24-hour time period, we'll get back to an individual by phone or email," said Staff. Bill Moore.

Staff working throughout the night will be able take care of online re-

The address

► Website for reporting crimes not in progress:
halifax.ca/police/
NonDispatch

ports, which will ease the load during peak daylight hours.

"This really came as a request from the community as we had feedback from businesses who said we have incidents we want to report but we're waiting on the phone and taken away from our customers," Moore said.

He added the website was created internally so there was no additional cost to the police force.

Spring. Cleaning



► Adrienne Snow sweeps up garbage along the Halifax waterfront yesterday.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Litter gets put in its place

Almost 100 volunteers collected 23 bags of garbage and 17 bags of recycling during the Downtown Halifax Business Commission's 17th annual Clean Sweep event.

Global Maritimes gets new senior anchor

Well-known broadcaster Ron Kronstein has been named the new senior anchor for Global Maritimes.

As reported yesterday at metronews.ca/halifax, Kronstein, a former news anchor with CTV Atlantic, makes his debut on Global this Monday at 6 p.m. for the new Nova Scotia Evening News.

Kronstein began his broadcast career in radio and TV in Ontario before moving to Halifax in 1983.

A release from Global Maritimes says Kronstein's

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► Ron Kronstein

appointment is the first step in the "largest expansion (of) news gathering capability in the history of Global Maritimes."

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One man's junk is ...

Looking to get rid of some junk?

The Halifax Regional Municipality is hosting its second annual spring Curbside Give Away Week-

end this Saturday and Sunday.

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BRIDGETOWN

Three more appointments on troubled council

A former civil servant and two experienced municipal politicians have been appointed to look after a financially troubled town until a more permanent solution can be found.

Robert Fowler, who once served as a deputy minister and headed the

Sydney Tar Ponds Agency, has been named mayor of Bridgetown.

Anna Allen and Jim Thurber, both with experience serving in Annapolis Valley municipal governments, will be councillors.

Another former deputy minister, Darrell Hiltz, has been named chief administrative officer.

The entire council resigned last week, citing concerns about undisclosed financial problems.

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Star athlete facing drug trafficking charges

A former Atlantic University basketball all-star is in trouble with the law again.

Tyler Bradley Richards of Halifax is facing drug trafficking charges and a breach of probation charge.

At 2:40 a.m. yesterday, police say officers were checking out a car in a parking lot on Lower Water street when they smelled marijuana. After a search,

police allegedly found crack cocaine, marijuana and cash.

Richards was convicted of assault causing bodily harm after an incident in Antigonish in 2009. Three members of the St. Francis Xavier X-Men basketball team were charged in relation to a student being assaulted.

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RCMP crack \$6M mortgage fraud case

RCMP laid charges against 11 people yesterday in connection with a \$6-million mortgage fraud investigation in southwestern Nova Scotia.

The Mounties allege the accused were using fraudulent documents to obtain mortgages through a scheme in the Yarmouth

area.

Insp. Jim MacDougall, the officer in charge of the RCMP financial crimes section in Nova Scotia, said the investigation began in July 2008 after real-state-industry regulators complained to police.

"They just noticed some suspicious transactions that they thought might be criminal and referred it to police and asked us to take further action," he said.

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NDP faces criticism at two-year mark

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► Premier Darrell Dexter speaks with Metro in this file photo from last year.

► Of NDP's 31 seats in legislature, 18 are from rural ridings

When Atlantic Canada's first NDP government swept to power two years ago, it did so on a promise of change, buoyed by hopes that it would listen to people who felt their voices weren't heard by previous Liberal and Conservative administrations.

At the swearing-in ceremony for his first cabinet, Premier Darrell Dexter vowed he would heed the concerns of residents outside his party's traditional base of Halifax.

"People living along country roads, in villages, towns and large urban areas will be heard," Dexter beamed to 1,500 supporters at the time.

But as it reaches what's expected to be the midway point of its mandate on the second anniversary of its election, Dexter's government faces accusations from some who say it is out of touch with the needs of rural areas.

In the centre

► Tom Urbaniak, a political scientist at Cape Breton University, says Nova Scotians shouldn't be surprised that Dexter has carved a middle-of-the-road approach, given the moderate tone of the party's election platform.

In southwestern Nova Scotia, a decision to scrap an annual provincial subsidy of \$6 million for a ferry service to Maine has sparked street protests and dealt a blow to NDP fortunes. In a byelection in the region last year, the party finished third.

Yarmouth Mayor Phil Mooney said municipal officials have had to fight to be heard to help with the loss of the ferry, as they likely would have with any other government in power.

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Premier takes short leave after mother's death

Premier Darrell Dexter will be away from his duties for a few days following the death of his mother.

Premier's office spokeswoman Jennifer Stewart says Florence Dexter died

Tuesday at the Queens General Hospital in Liverpool at the age of 92.

Stewart says the premier's mother had been living at a retirement home in Liverpool and had

Funeral

► The funeral for Florence Dexter will be on Saturday.

entered hospital within

the last few weeks.

Stewart says deputy premier Frank Corbett will assume the title of acting premier until Dexter returns to work on Monday.

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Sex-case judge erred: Lawyer

► But Crown says it 'isn't a big smoking gun' ► Ernest MacIntosh was convicted of crimes against two boys

The judge who convicted a former Cape Breton businessman of sex crimes against two boys in the 1970s gave too much weight to the complainants' testimony, a lawyer for Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh argued yesterday in Nova Scotia's highest court.

MacIntosh was found guilty in July on 13 of 26 charges of indecent assault and gross indecency — almost 15 years after the allegations surfaced.

His lawyer, Brian Casey, told the Court of Appeal in Halifax that while Justice Simon MacDonald of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court rejected some of the



► Ernest MacIntosh

complainants' stories of abuse, questions linger about the credibility of the men.

Casey said there's no doubt the convictions against his client, now in his late 60s, should be overturned.

"The fact that (MacDonald) found that the com-

plainants were not credible about part of their evidence should have meant that he was forced to go back and take a hard look at the rest of their evidence," Casey said outside court.

"He doesn't indicate that he did that and we think that was a mistake."

Casey told the court the complainants testified they were abused in MacIntosh's vehicles prior to 1974, but the vehicles were purchased after that date.

The Crown, however, argued the complainants weren't precise about the vehicles.

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Blue. Skies



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► For Hunter Wells, having fun is a walk in the park. The five-year-old enjoys sunshine and gets some exercise at a new outdoor fitness park next to Lake Banook yesterday.

No mean feat for this boy's feet

Slow down, enjoy the summer

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Harper donor list gets hacked

► Twitter account LulzRaft claims journalists were off line suggesting enmity toward the Conservatives

The federal Conservatives are confirming that information about party contributors was downloaded by the hackers who pranked the prime minister this week.

Party spokesman Fred DeLorey issued a statement today saying data containing names, addresses and email addresses of donors was taken.

He said no "useful" credit card information was accessed, but in some cases, the first four and last four digits of credit cards were compromised.

On Tuesday, a hacker or hackers broke into the Tory website security system and posted a false alert that

"The dots connected by the media are imaginary. No discrimination by party ... we just don't like politicians."

LULZRAFT TWEET

Stephen Harper had been rushed to a Toronto hospital after choking on a hash brown.

The notice sent journalists scurrying to confirm the rumour, which proved to be a hoax.

DeLorey insisted Tuesday that the party's database and email systems

were not affected by the hack.

That seemed to be taken as a taunt by the hackers, who go by the Twitter account LulzRaft.

"The Conservatives said no contributor data was accessed.... I wonder where this sample came from then!" LulzRaft tweeted yesterday morning, attaching a list of 5,631 contributors and their email addresses.

DeLorey said that although much of the information is available on the Elections Canada site, the party intends to contact people whose data was taken.

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Tragic. Killing



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Bystander shot in Que.

The Montreal police force is under scrutiny after its involvement in several shootings this year. In the latest, officers killed a homeless man and a 36-year-old hospital employee on his way to work.

Canadian killed in Mexican resort town

A Canadian man who spoke of the "beauty and splendour" of living in Mexico was found dead in his Puerto Vallarta home last week after being stabbed 25 times, Mexican media are reporting.

Leonard Francis Schell, a 62-year-old satellite TV installer, died May 30, a local news outlet said. It quoted the state attorney general's office.

The report said Schell's Mexican wife, Elba Ruiz Castro, left the morning of May 30 for an hour and returned to find a trail of blood leading to her home. Inside, she reportedly found Schell's body stabbed in the face, neck and back. Robbery is believed to be a motive. The safe was also open, and about \$13,000 was missing.

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B.C. family searches for pet snake

Everyone wants to help search for a cute and cuddly lost puppy, but a Saanich, B.C., family may be having trouble rounding up a search party for its pet.

That's because the missing creature is a 1.5-metre boa constrictor.

Sisco slithered out of its cage on the weekend, and the family believes it could be roaming through the

Victoria-area suburb.

The family's pet ferret is also missing, and Saanich Pound inspector Derek Rees suspects the two disappearances are connected: he doubts the ferret went willingly.

But Rees says residents of southern Vancouver Island shouldn't be worried about finding a snake as thick as a firehose on their property, because boas are not venomous. There's a good chance this one is curled up digesting the remains of the ferret. Rees says he would only be concerned if he were a rodent. CFAX

Cdn. resident spared death sentence

Iran's supreme court has reportedly quashed the death sentence for a Canadian resident.

Saeed Malekpour, a 35-year-old web programmer, was facing execution on charges of developing and promoting porn websites.

His supporters, including his wife who now lives in Richmond Hill, Ont., said he was arrested in Iran in October 2008 after a trip to visit his ailing father.

Published reports said

the death sentence for him now has been quashed.

His wife, Fatima Eftekhari, told Britain's Guardian newspaper that the court decision is a "sigh of relief" and that she is "very pleased that his life is finally saved."

The Department of Foreign Affairs in Ottawa says it is aware of reports Malekpour's sentence has been commuted.

"Officials are working to confirm or deny this re-

port," Foreign Affairs said in an email.

"Unfortunately, there is limited scope for direct intervention in this case since the person involved is not a Canadian citizen."

Defence lawyers said the conviction was quashed after they provided the court with expert evidence, said the Guardian newspaper. He is to remain in jail while a judicial review into his case is held.

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Cyber strife

- Malekpour was born in Iran but became a Canadian resident in 2004.
- He was convicted of designing and moderating adult materials online.
- His family claimed he web programmer whose photo uploading software was used by a porn website without his knowledge.

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They come in varying degrees of elegance: From cardboard cut-outs to duct-tape-and-tinfoil

constructs to silver-spray-painted nut-and-bolt numbers that are proudly held up in pubs and at street parties. Others have created tiny foil Stanley Cup caps.

One overachiever proudly honked his way past the Metro Vancouver office with a massive six-foot-high cup planted in the bed of his pickup.

YouTube is filthy with examples of how to make your own, using everything from water coolers to mini kegs.

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► Asuko and Tommy Watanabe wear DIY cups on their heads.

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Tests verify E. coli link

► Ontario man consumed local produce in Germany

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Ontario's health ministry said lab tests verified that a man from Peel Region, west of Toronto, has the E. coli 0104 strain.

Ministry spokesman Andrew Morrison said no other cases linked to the deadly European outbreak have been identified in Canada. The man, who returned to Canada from Germany at the end of May, is out of hospital and recovering. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Two pachyderms pack a punch

► Elephants' angry rampage kills man, injures others

Two wild elephants have killed a man and injured other people on a rampage in southern India, news reports said.

New Delhi Television aired footage yesterday showing the body of a man at the feet of one of the animals in the city of Mysore in Karnataka state.

An elephant also kicked a cow, reports said.

Press Trust of India reported one elephant was trapped at a farm. The other was tranquilized. It said

Species in peril

Shrinking habitats are not the only threats to elephants in Asia.

- Railways are a major danger. Elephants pass from one forest patch to another and dash against the trains and die.
- In Myanmar, demand for elephant ivory for making tourist items is higher than ever before.

SOURCE: WIKIPEDIA

several people were hurt. Schools and colleges in the city were closed all day yesterday and extra police were deployed as a precaution.

Hundreds of people die in India annually when wild animals wander into cities as their habitats shrink and they have to range farther for food.

The elephants face massive encroachment from people who live and forage in the forests.

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Fear of bin Laden will live on, says his No. 2

Osama bin Laden's deputy has issued a eulogy for the slain al-Qaida chief, saying he "terrified America" when he was alive and will continue to do so in death.

Ayman al-Zawahri, al-Qaida's longtime No. 2 and considered its operational head, heaped praise on bin Laden, killed in the May 2 U.S. raid in Pakistan.

Al-Zawahri also blasted the U.S. for burying bin Laden at sea and urged the Pakistani people to rise against the country's mili-

tary rulers and politicians, calling them "traitors." He implied they had a role in bin Laden's death.

Al-Zawahri, who is likely to be al-Qaida's next leader, al-Zawahri is believed to be operating from somewhere near the Pakistan-Afghanistan frontier.

Al-Zawahri appeared in a white Arab robe and turban, a Kalashnikov at his side, in a 28-minute video posted on militant websites yesterday.

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Yanks sent home

- Pakistan has sent home two-thirds of the U.S. military personnel who were training its forces in counterinsurgency skills along the porous Afghanistan border.

► It's the latest setback in the highly troubled relationship between the United States and Pakistan after the May 2 U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

Iran to spare Cdn. resident: Report

Iran's supreme court has reportedly quashed the death sentence for a Canadian resident.

Saeed Malekpour, a 35-year-old web programmer, was facing execution on charges of developing and promoting porn websites.

His supporters, including his wife, who now lives in Richmond Hill, Ont., said he was arrested in Iran in October 2008 after a trip to visit his ailing father.

Reports said the death sentence for him now has been quashed. His wife, Fatima Eftekhari, told Britain's Guardian newspaper the court decision is a "sigh of relief."

The Department of Foreign Affairs in Ottawa said: "Officials are working to confirm or deny this report."

Malekpour was born in Iran but became a permanent Canadian resident in 2004.

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Live-fish remedy hard to swallow?

Thousands of asthma sufferers gathered in southern India yesterday to swallow live sardines smeared with secret herbs they believe will cure them.

People travel every June from across India to Hyderabad for the treatment offered free by a family on a day chosen by astrologers.

The Goud family say they received the secret formula from a Hindu saint about 170 years ago.

But they refuse doctors' requests for the herbal mix, saying the saint warned it would lose its potency if commercialized.

After swallowing the live fish late yesterday, the patients began a strict 45-day diet of 25 different foods.

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New standard for Net

► Global test combats shortage of Internet addresses ► Facebook and Google expected that the majority of their users would not be affected

If Google or Facebook seemed to load a little slower than normal for you yesterday, it probably wasn't your imagination.

Yesterday was World IPv6 Day, a global test of a new standard designed to thwart the looming shortage of Internet addresses.

The previous standard, IPv4, made room for 4.3 billion addresses — not

the www-type, but numerical identifiers that enable devices to communicate with one another online.

Billions of addresses seemed like more than enough when the system was implemented in the 1980s. But experts say those addresses could run out sometime this year and have been pushing the world to adopt the

new system.

The new IPv6 standard can handle 340 undecillion addresses, or 340,282,366,920,938,463,374,607,431,768,211,456, to be exact.

Some of the web's biggest superpowers, including Google, Facebook and Yahoo!, were among the sites participating.

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Canada's players

► The Canadian Internet Registration Authority, the British Columbia government and CANARIE, Canada's advanced research and education networks, are among those participating in the test.

Rogers to speed up its network

Rogers Communications Inc. will launch its new, faster network in Ottawa this summer, giving consumers a mobile broadband experience similar to home or at work.

Rogers said yesterday that the Long-Term Evolution (LTE) network will also be rolled out in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver this year and in 25 other markets next year.

Customers will have to buy data sticks for devices such as laptops. Rogers' LTE network will have speeds that are three to four times faster than its existing most advanced network.

The global wireless industry is moving to LTE technology, ideal for data-centric activities like streaming video, watching TV and listening to music.

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Sales. Slump



► Clerks wait for their transportation at a car dealer in Shanghai yesterday. Foreign automakers are seeing mixed sales trends as the world's biggest market for new vehicles cools after years of growth.

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Cash for China's clunkers

China announced yesterday that it will pay up to nearly \$2,800 for old scrap vehicles to boost sales that slumped by about 14 per cent in May.

Canadian roaming fees high: Report

A new OECD report suggests Canadians are paying some of the highest prices in the world for roaming data usage.

Pricing for 68 operators worldwide was compared, and, in one case, Canadians faced the priciest roaming charges.

When estimating the cost of one megabyte of data in one downloading session, Canadians faced an average price of \$24.11, the highest of all the OECD countries.

The next costliest rates were \$21.61 for Americans and \$19.44 for Mexicans. The cheapest price was

\$4.08 per megabyte for Greek consumers, while the average price was \$13.24.

In another test, comparing the price to consume one megabyte of data over five different days, Canada ranked fifth most expensive. However, in a test of pricing for using five megabytes of data over five days Canada was not among the most expensive.

The report notes there is a strong case to be made for consumers to be protected against unintentional data usage. It also suggests more competition could help reduce pricing.

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E-readers collecting dust in Canada

The relationship some fickle Canadians have had with their e-readers may be waning — a short, passionate affair that came to an end when their eye was caught by something younger, sexier and more flexible.

Bob Levesque, of Mississauga, Ont., remembers longing for an Amazon Kindle when it was forbidden fruit, only available in the United States, and jumping in with both feet when the device started being sold north of the border in 2009.

Now, his Kindle is collecting dust, spurned in favour of a seductive tablet computer that can handle e-books from a wider array of sources.

"I also do a lot of different things with the iPad. So I may not be (only) reading at one sitting. I may be doing three different things."

BOB LEVESQUE, OF MISSISSAUGA, ONT., WHOSE KINDLE IS COLLECTING DUST

"I can get books and magazines from anywhere I want. I'm not limited to Amazon, so I search around now for the best price on books," Levesque says.

It appears Levesque is not alone. A recent report from The NPD Group sug-

► A customer holds his new Apple Inc.'s iPad 2 tablet computer at a shop in Hong Kong, Friday, April 29.



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gests six per cent of Canadians have purchased a tablet in the brief time they have been available here. That's the same percentage of people who own an e-reader.

Two-thirds of respondents in the survey said their tablet was bought to replace another device.

Half of tablet owners who responded to the sur-

vey said they were using their devices between two and six hours a day, while 38 per cent of e-reader owners reported using them a few hours per week or less.

Yet the e-reader is far from dead. The NPD study also suggests e-reader sales will continue to rise globally, even though they are expected to be eclipsed by tablets.

E-readers continue to be popular thanks in large part to their much lower cost, the study suggests. It's easier to plunk down \$160 to give your son or daughter an e-reader for their birthday than to shell out \$650 for a tablet.

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THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR BEING A FAN

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
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"You must be feeling better about your team," a friend said after a recent victory.

The Boston Bruins are "my team," even though I don't own them, have never played

for them and, if they drafted me tomorrow, I would have to learn how to skate. But they are "my team," even here in Toronto, and I have the emotional scars to prove it.

My reply was typical: "If we win the next game I'll be less sick to my stomach."

"Oh man," she said. "The price you pay for being a true fan."

Indeed.

Unless you have recently returned from a coma and there was no television in your hospital room, you are probably aware that the Boston Bruins are in the Stanley Cup final, playing the Vancouver Canucks.

And any hard-core Bruins or Canucks supporter will tell you: Fandom is hell.

The games haven't been fun to watch for weeks — it's more like three hours of worry, except when my team scores, at which point I feel slightly less worry.

There's a reason we're called "diehards."

I'm a hard-core fan at the worst of times — February, for instance — but when your team makes a championship run strange things happen.

First, your sense of what's important changes. After Game 1, I turned to

Facebook to see how my friends were responding — and hardly anyone cared. To me, it was equivalent to logging on after the Pearl Harbor attack and seeing that most people were posting kitten videos. (Of course, in reality, Facebook was abuzz after Pearl Harbor, complete with calls to "Cut and paste this status if you think this day will live in infamy!")

My body is changing, too. During games, conversations not related to hockey are immediately translated to "blah blah blah," breathing is something that I must actively teach myself, and urination is not to be attempted unless I can reach the bowl from the living room (hope springs eternal).

I'm also a snob now. I have nothing but respect for Canucks fans, but all you casually viewing, bring-the-cup-to-Canada bandwagon jumpers can bite my finger. If you didn't feel pain when they lost over the years, you don't get to feel happy when things are good. You didn't earn it.

I, on the other hand, was 13 the last time the Bruins made the Stanley Cup final and I cried openly when they lost. Being an adult now, if they lose I will cry in private. That is, if I remember to breathe.

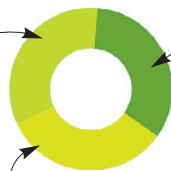
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Worth mentioning

WASHINGTON. A solar flare erupted from the sun in an impressive display captured by NASA cameras, but scientists say the medium-sized event will have a minimal impact, if any, on Earth.

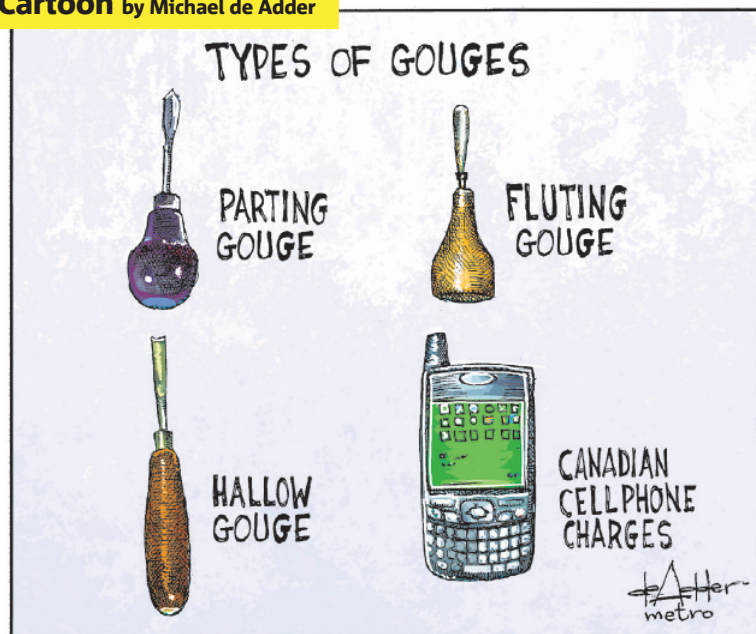
The flare peaked early Tuesday and created a large cloud that appeared to cover almost half the surface of the sun, NASA said. A cloud of charged particles erupted from the sun's outer atmosphere and was expected to pass by Earth late yesterday or early today, causing a minor disruption to Earth's magnetic field, according to the U.S. National Weather Service's Space Weather Prediction Center.

"This wasn't really such a big event," said Michael Hesse, chief of the space weather laboratory at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. "It was spectacular to watch, but not big in terms of hazards to the Earth."

Scientists have been expecting an increase in solar activity because the sun is moving into a more volatile period of an 11-year cycle in which its magnetic field reverses its orientation.

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Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

More 'garbage' being added to Facebook

Now on Facebook: Your garbage.

Five households have signed up for a Newcastle University (in the north-east of England) program announced yesterday that puts photographs of every item placed in a garbage can on Facebook in a bid to raise consciousness about recycling efforts.

It uses a sensor and a camera phone to record the image each time the garbage can lid is shut. The

person who does that is not photographed.

Households that participate will be rated on how efficiently they recycle.

Early results are encouraging, researchers said, as the amount of garbage thrown away and not recycled has diminished in the weeks since the program began.

But the privacy advocacy group Big Brother Watch is raising concerns about the pilot project.

"This sounds like an elaborate joke — except it isn't," said director Daniel Hamilton. "Encouraging recycling is fine, but publicly humiliating those who choose not to is outrageous."

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So you think you can make a music video?

► Newest single, *The One That Got Away*, has already charted Top 40 in Canada ► Mullane's latest album hit store shelves early last year

BACKSTAGE PASS

JENNA CONTER
METRO HALIFAX



Hanging out on the set of a music video seems so glamorous. Of course

when Jon Mullane, an internationally acclaimed, Halifax rock musician invited me to drop by, my mind didn't racing to a dilapidated, condemned building on Barrington Street.

Must have missed that memo.

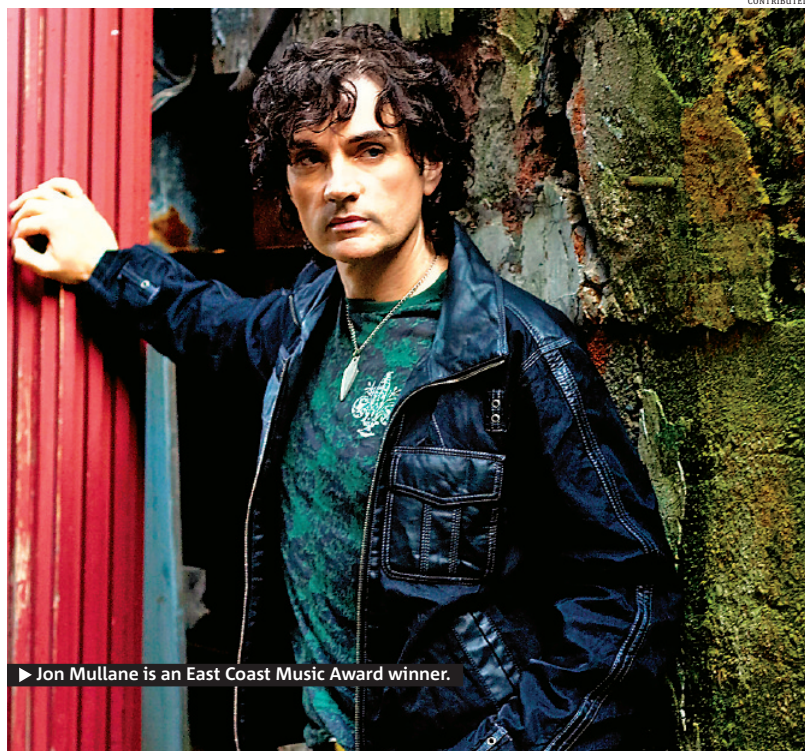
Nonetheless, I settled in among the extras to watch the filming of Mullane's video for his single *The One That Got Away* off his latest album *Shift*.

"I think simple works, it's the key," Mullane told me. My philosophy over the past couple years was to keep it simple."

Mullane grew up in Halifax as a jock. It wasn't until he attended a local rock concert did he fall in love all that music can bring.

"It just lit my fire. The combination of the power of the music and the girls, hooked me," Mullane said. "I've been hooked ever since."

He dropped the ball and



► Jon Mullane is an East Coast Music Award winner.

picked up a guitar and hasn't looked back. Though lacking in local recognition, Mullane has tasted international success.

In 2008, his single *Make You Move* was selected by NBC for their Olympic promotional commercials. The following year, the track was nominated for

an East Coast Music Award for Single of the Year.

"It's always nice to be recognized in your hometown," Mullane said. "Sometimes it seems that the hometown is always the last one to come on board."

Mullane chose to keep it local for his video, hiring

John Rosborough of Red-star Films to direct.

"We shot locally — from talent to crew — that was important for me."

Keep tuned into local radio stations for Mullane's re-release of *The One That Got Away* and accompanying video dropping soon!

Opa! The Halifax Greek Fest is back

The 26th annual event is taking place tonight through Sunday at St. George's Greek Orthodox Church on Purcell's Cove Road.

The popular event will see a culmination of offerings from Greece, and a look into our own Greek community.

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Monster Jam gets reved up

A trip out to Scotia Speedworld wouldn't be a bad idea this weekend.

The Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam returns for another year, with many of the top stars in monster truck coming to Halifax.

This is event is a real crowd pleaser as thousands of people come out for the show.

There are three events in total — two on Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m. — and a third on Sunday, also at 1 p.m.

Tickets are \$23.50 for adults and \$18.50 for children 12 and under.

Visit ticketatlantic.com for full details.

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Scene in brief



The story about U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner's use of Twitter to send a lewd photo to a woman has been awkward for comic Jon Stewart, a friend of the congressman's. On Tuesday, it proved painful. Stewart broke a glass and gashed his wrist while taping a Weiner skit.

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These are the cool kids

► Jim Parsons and the creators of *The Big Bang Theory* set out to tell a story about “remarkable minds.” Lucky for them, dorks are in style



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When *The Big Bang Theory* debuted in 2007, it wasn't expected to be a massive success.

The show didn't have the pretty people of *Friends* or the snark of *Seinfeld*. Instead, we got two nerdy physicist roommates (Johnny Galecki as Leonard and Jim Parsons as Sheldon), their homely

friends and one hot blonde (Kaley Cuoco as Penny).

OK, maybe the hot blonde helped ratings. But audiences worldwide are most attracted by the nerd humour. We talked to Parsons and co-creators Chuck Lorre and Bill Prady about how they pull it off.

On learning the scientific jargon of the show:

PARSONS: It was a lot of memorization. It was a lot of writing down lines. It

was a lot of — a pronouncing dictionary, but it was a pleasure. It was a lot of takes. No, it wasn't. I did very well. It's a wonderful thing, actually, that many words because it's something good to rely on when you get out there. You got that behind you. You don't have to think as much.

On the Sheldon/Penny relationship:

LORE: I think she's domes-



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► From left: Simon Helberg, Jim Parsons, Johnny Galecki and Kunal Nayyar in *The Big Bang Theory*

Sheldon's nerdiest lines



► Parsons

- "Oh, well, this would be one of those circumstances that people unfamiliar with the law of large numbers would call a coincidence."
- "A neutron walks into a bar and asks how much for a drink. The bartender replies, 'For you, no charge.'"
- "Oh Gravity, thou art a heartless bitch."

ticating him in a way. She's softening the edges. I think the whole process of the series is — the ensemble is his umbilical cord to reality. We kind of found it as we went that a Penny/Sheldon relationship is wonder-

ful, again, in that they are so very different.

On Johnny Galecki's character torn between the "geek" world and "real" world:
PRADY: Yeah. Well, I mean, he was always designed to

be the centre torn between two worlds, between Sheldon, who is saying "Retreat. Retreat. We are fine here with just, you know, Internet games and science," and Penny, who is saying "There's a world out

there. Come take a look at it." And he's the character in — I guess most in motion.

On the origins of the show:
LORRE: Bill and I started this out with the goal of writing

about remarkable minds, people that were spectacular in their vision and their ability to see things that we can't see. And, you know, that somehow gets categorized as nerds and geeks and whatnot, but that's not

where we started from. The fact that that's kind of happening in the culture right now is kind of — we kind of find ourselves caught up in it, but that's fine, you know. The comedy is in their inability to deal with everything that we take for granted.



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OSCAR-NOMINATED GEEK

- This summer, Jesse Eisenberg, Oscar-nominated for *The Social Network*, stars in the heist comedy *30 Minutes or Less*
- But we talked to him about being a nerd



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Metro interview

How do you feel, always being tapped for these nervous, fidgety roles?

Well, it's great because if you don't have inner conflict, then it's not an interesting character to play.

It's more interesting to me if the character feels conflicted, which may appear as discomfort or anger or may appear as sadness, so in this respect, I don't mind being tapped for that because that's what makes those characters interesting to me.

You also come off as smart — another nerdy quality.

My father is a professor and my mother is also a teacher and my girlfriend and friends are teachers so I suppose I come from an articulate background and that's what people see. I come from a background where it was important to be articulate and thoughtful.

I heard you play the drums.

I used to play the drums but I'm bad at it. I play the piano.

Trying to learn the drums made me realize why so many drummers are cokeheads. You need so much energy.

I don't like playing more than one song. It's tiring. So they do cocaine before they go on stage?

That makes sense. I wonder if you could trace the cocaine to the faster beats of the 80s. When cocaine became popular, did the drums become faster?

And like acid, Grateful Dead of course and then

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► "I come from an articulate background."

Phish, they take a lot of mushrooms, fans of that band Phish.

What's a role you'd want to play that's unlike anything you've done?
I write plays. When I write

a play, I write for myself and it's a role I want to play but as an actor being hired by others, I've gotten

Twitter nerds



► Aziz Ansari: "Has anyone successfully solved the Netflix N8007 error where Silverlight closes unexpectedly? No luck with Google, tech support, etc."

► Wired editor Chris Anderson: "Woohoo! Autodesk's awesome new 3-D authoring tool, 123D, is out. And free."

► Judd Apatow, director of 40-Year-Old Virgin and Knocked Up: "There is no volume of fart that will wake my beautiful daughter."

► Tina Fey (pictured): She has a Twitter account but never uses it. That's how nerdy she is.

to play much more interesting people and much more dimensional characters than I ever expected to play. I never thought I'd be in a movie like Adventureland, which is like a more traditional romantic movie. I was raised to not think of myself as a sexual

being so to be in that surprised me. I feel very fortunate to have been in things even though I was not raised to be sexual. Like a eunuch almost. I was supposed to get circumcised but he castrated me. They cut too much off, the whole thing really.

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Emma Watson denies bullying made her quit

► Admits that she was trying to seek out normality by attending university



► Emma Watson

Harry Potter star Emma Watson insists claims that her decision to leave Times Style magazine. "If I can't stand up to a few people giving me a

Brown University was due to being harassed by classmates are completely off-base.

"Even if I was being given a hard time, I wasn't going to wuss out of university because someone said 'Wingardium leviosa' to me in a corridor, or '10 points for Gryffindor.' I've been dealing with the media since I was nine," she tells the Sunday

hard time, it's a bit pathetic, really. I've had so much worse."

So why the sudden departure from the Ivy League school?

"I was in denial," she says. "I wanted to pretend I wasn't as famous as I was. I was trying to seek out normality, but I kind of have to accept who I am, the position I'm in and what happened." ● METRO

Talking points

Leo and Blake visit Disneyland

BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE. After cavorting around France and Italy, Leonardo DiCaprio and Blake Lively have reportedly taken their fledgling romance stateside, sneaking into



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feeling was that she was slightly out of her comfort zone in America," he explains.

"The intention was to do it quietly and say to her she had an option to rejoin the U.K. show. ... At the end of the day we were saying, 'Move to another

show for even more money.'

There was an offer of around (\$4.1 million) on the table including bonuses. How is that (firing) someone?"

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Justin and Selena turning heads

Now that they've gone public with their relationship, Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez reportedly can't seem to stop public displays of affection — and it's starting to bug some bystanders, according to Hollyscoop.

"They made out for about three minutes and kind of weirded people out," a source says of the couple's behaviour at the

MTV Movie Awards.

"They used a lot of tongue and acted like there was no one else in the room."

Last week, the pair shared many public make-out sessions during their Hawaiian vacation before heading to Stratford, Ont., where Gomez reportedly met Bieber's extended family.

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► Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez.

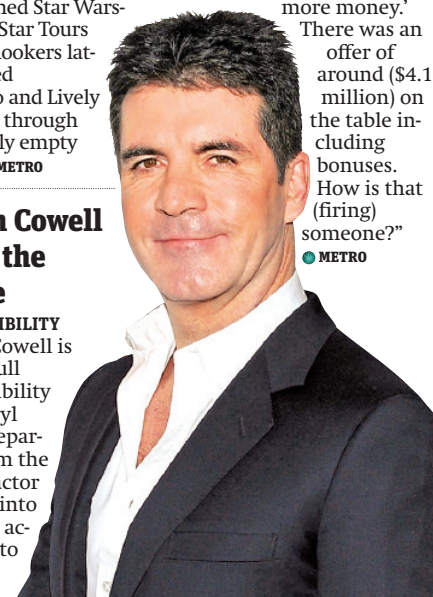
Disney Land recently, according to Us Weekly.

The stars were reportedly escorted into the park close to closing time and were ushered to the front of the line for the newly refurbished Star Wars-themed Star Tours ride. Onlookers later spotted DiCaprio and Lively strolling through the nearly empty park. ● METRO

Simon Cowell takes the blame

RESPONSIBILITY Simon Cowell is taking full responsibility for Cheryl Cole's departure from the U.S. X Factor turning into a circus, according to the Sun.

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High waisted jeans, ghetto girl earrings

- ▶ Jessie J deconstructs her trademark, '90s-influenced style
- ▶ She loves bold lipsticks, shoulder pads and Vivienne Westwood



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"It's funny because I never thought of myself as a style icon," Jessie J says over the phone from her bedroom with two giggling friends in the background. We're talking about her trademark, in-your-face look that she likes to call "ghetto chic."

For the record, the words "style icon," are hers, not mine. During the course of our chat, I never mentioned it. But it seems she's heard herself described as such enough times that she feels the need to comment on the label. Born Jessica Ellen Cornish, the British singer songwriter star has a personal style that is as memorable as her commanding, pliable voice. She's definite-

ly the most style-y of England's ever-growing crop of talented soul singers (Adele, Amy Winehouse, Duffy, the list goes on.)

"It was never like, I need a gimmick. I need a look. I've always had the hair, lipstick, long nails. I've always looked this way before I was out there," she says as she packs a glittery, shoulder-padded catsuit into her suitcase for an upcoming show in the Bahamas.

"I did hair modeling for three or four years. I had green and blue hair, a Mohawk, but I always kept coming back to this bob. It's like my comfort blanket," she says, before pointing out that she's actually a natural blonde.

And she's always styled herself. Since she's released her critically loved album, *Who You Are*, the 23-year-old has been exposed to more influences. So as opposed to a few years ago, she can now mix in, say, Vivienne Westwood and Chanel into her usual mix of vintage and high street

dressy. I like the square heel. I'm not a fan of the thin heel for day, it looks like you're trying too hard."

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"I've always worn high waisted things. They work well on me because I don't really have hips. I just have a bit of a bum."



▶ "I love teaming high fashion with something like massive, tacky gold earrings," says Jessie J.

clothes.

"I love teaming high fashion with something like massive tacky gold earrings. I grew up watching people like TLC and Whitney Houston in the high-waisted jeans. All of that had an effect on me."

3 life

Going Gaga

Lady Gaga accepted the year's top style icon award at Monday night's Council of Fashion Designers of America awards.

"All of you made me feel like a star before I was," she told the audience at Lincoln Center.

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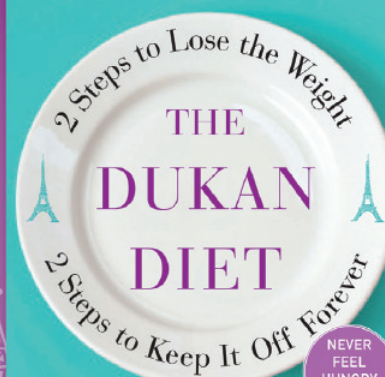
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From tackle box to the hair salon

► Fly shop feathers disappear from shelves amid hair extension craze

Fly shop manager Jim Bernstein was warned that hair stylists would come banging on his door, but he didn't listen.

Sure enough, less than 24 hours later, a woman walked into the Eldredge Bros. Fly Shop in Maine and made a beeline toward a display of hackles — the long, skinny rooster feathers fishermen use to make lures.

"She brought a bunch up to the counter and

asked if I could get them in pink," he said. "That's when I knew."

Fly fishing shops across the U.S., he learned, are at the centre of the latest hair trend: Feather extensions. Supplies at stores from the coasts of Maine to landlocked Idaho are running out and some feathers sold online are fetching hundreds of dollars more than the usual prices.

"I'm looking around the

"She brought a bunch up to the counter and asked if I could get them in pink. That's when I knew"

JIM BERNSTEIN, FLY SHOP MANAGER

shop thinking hmmm, what else can they put in their hair?" Bernstein said.

Fly fishermen are not happy, bemoaning the trend in online message boards and sneering at so-

called "feather ladies." Some also blame American Idol judge and rocker Steven Tyler, who began wearing the feathers in his long hair.

"It takes years and years and years to develop these chickens to grow these feathers. And now, instead of ending up on a fly, it's going into women's hair," said Matt Brower, a guide and assistant manager at Idaho Angler in Boise.

"I think that's the rea-



► A fishy fashionista gets her hair done with tackle.

son a lot of people are a little peeved about it," he said.

The feathers are not easy to come by in the first place.

They come from roosters that are genetically bred and raised for their plumage. In most cases, the birds do not survive the plucking.

At Whiting Farms Inc., in western Colorado, one of the world's largest producers of fly tying feathers, the roosters live about a year while their saddle feathers — the ones on the bird's backside and the most popular for hair extensions — grow as long as possible. Then the animal is euthanized.

As hair extensions, the feathers can be brushed, blow dried, straightened and curled once they are snapped into place. Most salons sell the feather strands for \$5 to \$10 a piece. The trend has become so popular a company online even sells feather extensions for dogs. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Bright and bold is best

► Bid adieu to paler shades this summer season

Summer is typically the time to be more adventurous with colour, almost never more true than this season when it seems the style mantra is brighter is better.

"We're talking about bright pinks and fuchsias, tangerines, deep purples, turquoise, cobalt blue in particular and bright yellow — all these unexpected pops of colour," said Liv

Judd, Toronto market editor for LouLou magazine.

And don't feel restricted to just one shade — Judd said you can team contrasting colours together, like a cobalt blue top and emerald green skirt. But she suggests a limit of three hues if you're going to put various colours together, such as one each for the top and bottom of your outfit along with a

shoe in a different hue.

For those who are a bit more colour-shy, consider rooting the brighter shades in your favourite neutral, like pairing a colourful belt with grey cropped pants or shorts, suggested Tara Wickwire,

director of public relations for Gap Inc. in Canada.

"You're wearing colour, you look like you're on trend for the season, but you don't have to go head-to-toe over-the-top with it," she said.

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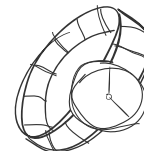
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- Hopes of selling start to dwindle after the first few weeks of having your property on the market
- Knowing how to present your home in a smart and attractive way will create a more sellable house

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The world's a stage so decorate it well.

For many selling their homes it can be a stressful time. Got a house listed that isn't selling?

Other than adjusting the asking price the next best thing is to create a better presentation of your place.

Here are my tips on how to prep your stale house and turn it into an irresistible and marketable home.

Yard sale before home sale

It's the easiest way to say goodbye to the excess stuff that has been building up in your place.

Have a yard sale for the small stuff, post expensive items like furniture and collectables on Craigslist and donate excess clothing, shoes and books to a local church or charity.

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Edit possessions

Remove all photos, vacation momentos, collections and anything that will distract a potential buyer from envisioning the house as their own.

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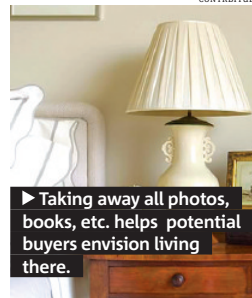
items and anything that may be offensive (artful nudes, liquor, gambling, hunting, etc).

Still got your over scaled wedding portrait hung over the sofa? Get rid of it; run to HomeSense and hang an inexpensive mirror or neutral print.

Brighten and lighten

Paint away strong, dark or bold wall colours with lighter, softer colours. Popular colours include cream, pale grey and light taupe. Increase your light wattage to a minimum of 80 watts.

Showing a home during winter months or in the evening will demand brighter lights to make your home look light and airy. Remove heavy draperies and coloured blinds to show off more



► Taking away all photos, books, etc. helps potential buyers envision living there.



► Make sure young children and pets are not visible during home inspections and open houses.

wall space and allow windows to feel lighter/brighter.

Hire a cleaning person. Nothing sells a house better than cleanliness. Having a cleaner at your house during a showing might just ensure to a potential buyer that you are selling a well-maintained house. Maybe its time to rent a maid's outfit?

Designer tricks

► Lower all of the picture hanging nails one to two inches. The lower artwork will give the illusion that the ceilings are taller; a feature that all potential buyers seem to like these days.

► Up all the light bulbs to at

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- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Asian chili-garlic sauce
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Preparation:

- 1 Season steaks all over with five spice powder,

salt and pepper. Then in a large stainless-steel or cast-iron skillet, heat butter and oil over medium-high heat.

- 2 Add steaks. Sear and cook until golden brown and medium-rare, 3 to 6 minutes per side.

- 3 Return skillet to medium-high heat. Add broth, maple syrup and chili-garlic sauce; bring

to a boil, scraping up any browned bits from bottom of pan.

- 4 Meanwhile, in a small bowl or cup, mix cornstarch with 10 ml (2 tsp) water; whisk into sauce and cook until thickened, about 2 minutes. Stir in green onions. Serve drizzled over steaks.

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Forget the side dish!

► Skip the fatty carbs ► This Summer Salad and Pan Seared Beef Bavette make a filling meal on their own

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► This salad pops with a spicy jalapeno-yogurt dressing.

For Michael Symon, award-winning restaurateur and Food Network Iron Chef, great salads go far beyond a pile of greens.

"A great salad ... should be something that really highlights the season and the vegetables that are at their peak at that time," says Symon.

Symon offers this summer salad inspired by what grows in his garden.

Preparation:

- 1 Dressing: In bowl, combine garlic, jalapeno, yogurt and vinegar. Whisk in olive oil; stir in mint and parsley. Set aside.

- 2 In bowl, combine arugula, tomatoes, cucumber, scallions, almonds and faro. Drizzle with dressing, toss to coat.

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Ingredients:

Dressing

- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 jalapeno pepper, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) plain Greek-style yogurt
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) red wine vinegar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh mint
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped

Salad

- 500 ml (2 cups) arugula
- 500 g (1 lb) tomatoes, sliced
- 250 ml (1 cup) diced cucumber
- 4 scallions, grilled and cut into 2.5-cm (1-inch) pieces
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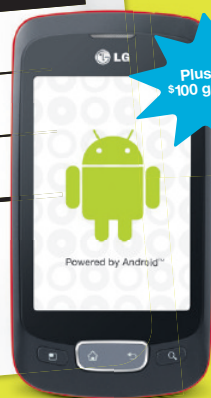
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BRUINS GM PETER CHIARELLI, GENERAL MANAGERS DRAFTED AN AMENDMENT TO RULE 48 DURING A MEETING AT THE STANLEY CUP FINAL YESTERDAY THAT WOULD GIVE REFEREES MORE LEEWAY IN ASSESSING A PENALTY FOR HITS TO THE HEAD.



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Evans likely to return to Rainmen

Unless Mike Evans gets called back to the NBA, the Halifax Rainmen expect to have him back as head coach this fall.

"I talked to him a couple of days ago and he's committed to being back and wants to be back," said Rainmen owner Andre Levinston. "It would just be a matter of us sitting down and working out the partic-

ulars, which is no issue because we want him back, too."

The 56-year-old took over as head coach in January, guiding the team to a 4-6 record and a Premier Basketball League playoff spot. The Rainmen lost 2-1 to the Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry in the best-of-three semifinals.

Evans spent nine years in the NBA as a player and was

an assistant coach with the Denver Nuggets and Toronto Raptors, as well as an interim head coach with the Nuggets. He's been looking for NBA work since being let go by the Raptors in 2009.

"If he gets an offer from an NBA team, we know which way he's gonna go," Levinston said.

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► Rainmen head coach Mike Evans.

Japanese group looks into NBL

► NBL Canada has founding teams in Halifax, Saint John and Quebec



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The National Basketball League of Canada could have a Japanese component when it launches in the fall.

A Japanese ownership group is considering submitting a letter of intent to base an NBL Canada team in Moncton, according to interim league president Andre Levinston.

The team would feature players from Japan's Sendai region, which was ravaged by a severe earthquake and tsunami in March.

"Their infrastructure was wiped out ... It was an opportunity we suggested," Levinston said. "We're going to dot some I's and cross some T's, but there are some exciting things in the works there."

The relationship between NBL Canada and the ownership group began two months ago, when the Saint

Deadlines

- The cut-off for letters of intent and accompanying deposits is June 15.
- The deadline for full franchise fees, which are reportedly six figures, is June 30.

John Mill Rats hosted a team of Sendai all-stars on April 24 to raise relief funds.

Levinston said the team would mostly be made up of Japanese players, but it would also have American and Canadian content.

"We're looking for a commitment for the long-term to be playing in our league," Levinston said.

Moncton is the ownership group's preferred destination, but a city in Ontario is also being considered. A decision on whether to move forward, and where, will be made by next Wednesday, Levinston said.



► Rainmen small forward Desmond Ferguson takes the ball to the hoop against the Quebec Kebs in 2010.

GM close to selecting next Senators coach

Bryan Murray is down to a handful of candidates for the Ottawa Senators' vacant coaching position.

The general manager has spoken to a number of people since firing Cory Clouston at the end of the season and is ready to conduct some follow-up interviews. He's getting close to making a decision.

"What I'm finding out is there's a number of very qualified people out there that are interesting to talk to," Murray said yesterday after the NHL's GMs meeting in Boston. "Even as long as I've been in the game, you learn from each and every one of them."

"I just have to have a second interview with two or

three of them and then make a decision."

One possibility being considered is Kurt Kleinendorst, who led the American Hockey League's Binghamton Senators to the Calder Cup in his first season behind the bench. His familiarity with the organization's prospects is a big asset. — THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

Canadians rout Wildcats

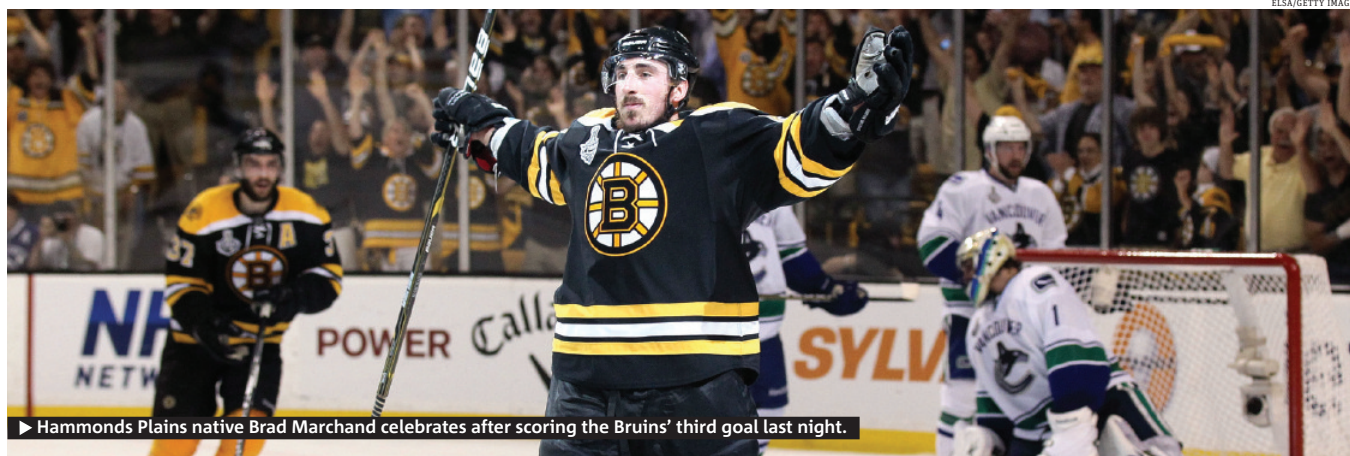
NSSBL. The Halifax Pelham Molson Canadians handled the host Kentville Wildcats 8-2 in Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League play last night at Memorial Park. Shawn Peverill had three singles and an RBI in the victory, while Mark Pelham had a single and a double. Mark Haverstock

earned the win. Halifax is 4-2. — METRO

Raonic moves on in Germany

TENNIS. Canada's Milos Raonic is off to the quarter-finals at the Gerry Weber Open in Halle, Germany. The eighth-seeded 20-year-old from Thornhill, Ont., beat Germany's Tobias Kamke 7-6 (2), 6-3 to advance yesterday. Raonic will take on German Philipp Petzschner in the next round.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



► Hammonds Plains native Brad Marchand celebrates after scoring the Bruins' third goal last night.

Bruins chase Canucks out of Boston

► Vancouver outscored 12-1 during Games 3 and 4 at hostile TD Garden

The Vancouver Canucks are heading home in search of answers after letting the Boston Bruins back in the Stanley Cup final.

Tim Thomas was unbeatable and Rich Peverley scored twice last night as the Bruins steamrolled Vancouver 4-0, making the NHL's best regular-season team look ordinary for the second-straight game and tying the series 2-2.

Alain Vigneault removed starter Roberto Luongo after he surrendered four goals on 20 shots in Game 4 and will now face more questions about whether Luongo or backup Cory Schneider will start Game 5 at Rogers Arena tomorrow night.

It's far from the only question hovering over the team.

A once-potent power play has disappeared as Vancouver failed on six opportunities and sits at just 1-for-22 in the series.

The team's star players have yet to make much of an impact in the series. Ryan Kesler, who generated Conn Smythe talk heading into the series, has just one assist in four games — which is one more than captain Henrik Sedin.

The Bruins have been getting contributions

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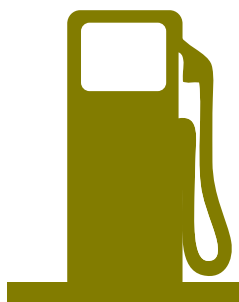
throughout their lineup with goals from Michael Ryder and Hammonds Plains native Brad Marchand to go with the pair scored by Peverley.

Thomas has been the best player in black and yellow, allowing just five goals on 146 shots in the series. He made another 38 saves in Game 4.

With Prime Minister Stephen Harper watching from the stands, the Canucks were undone by a poor second period for the second straight game. Goals 2:18 apart by Ryder and Marchand just past the midway point of the game gave Boston a 3-0 lead and elicited derisive chants of "Luuuuungo" from the energized TD Garden crowd.

During the series, Vancouver has been outscored 8-0 in the middle period.

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NHL

New GM brings high standards to Winnipeg

It was a poorly kept secret but yesterday it became official — Kevin Cheveldayoff is leaving the Chicago Blackhawks to become general manager of Winnipeg's as-yet unnamed NHL team.

"Growing up on the Prairies I played my hockey just a little way down the road in Brandon," the native of Blaine Lake, Sask., said at his first news conference after signing a five-year deal with the team.

"(Winnipeg's GM) was

a natural fit for me. It was almost too good to be true."

Cheveldayoff worked his way up in the Chicago organization to the position of assistant general manager and thanked his former bosses for letting him take the next step.

True North Entertainment and Sports, which bought the former Atlanta Thrashers and is moving the team to Winnipeg, announced on the weekend that it would not be keeping Rick Dudley as GM. But even before that, Cheveldayoff's name was being kicked around in the local media.

Yesterday he talked about what he knows he has to do. For example, one of the first phone calls he plans to make will be to Atlanta Thrash-

ers captain Andrew Ladd.

"Andrew and I have a pretty good relationship based on the year that we spent together in the Blackhawks organization," he said.

"He is a big, big piece of this franchise moving forward and we'd like to discuss things sooner rather than later."

The left-winger played in Chicago before he was traded to Atlanta last year. He led Atlanta in scoring and is set to become a restricted free agent this summer.

Cheveldayoff and assistant GM Craig Heisinger know they have a lot of work to do.

"We're going to set the bar very, very high and we're going to push people very hard," said Cheveldayoff.

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Stampeders go high-tech on head hits

The Calgary Stampeders are delving into the mystery of concussions with a high-tech helmet.

The inner crown of the headgear is ringed by sensors that measure the number of hits to the head a player takes, what part of the head is contacted and the force of the impact.

Stampeders medical director Pat Clayton then takes the helmet to his office and a scanner reads the data and computer software graphs a chart for him.

"The number of hits these guys take in any given game is very high," Clayton said yesterday. "Offensive linemen average out between 86 and 92. That's a lot of hits to the head."

"Do they result in concussions? Not necessarily, but if they do we'll be able to find out why, where, how much speed was involved in that and how much impact was involved."

This is the fourth season the Stamps have collected information from the IQ Hit helmet and they were the first team in the CFL to do so. Calgary has eight of them now and they cost about \$1,000 each, compared to \$300 for a standard helmet. Other teams in the CFL are now using the helmets, Clayton said.

Clayton isn't sure how the information may help concussion prevention yet, because he's still gathering data. But it can help pinpoint the type of contact that causes concussions.

"Is there a relationship between where that hit is and a concussion result? That's what we're looking for," he said.

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► Stampeder Joffrey Reynolds at CFL camp.

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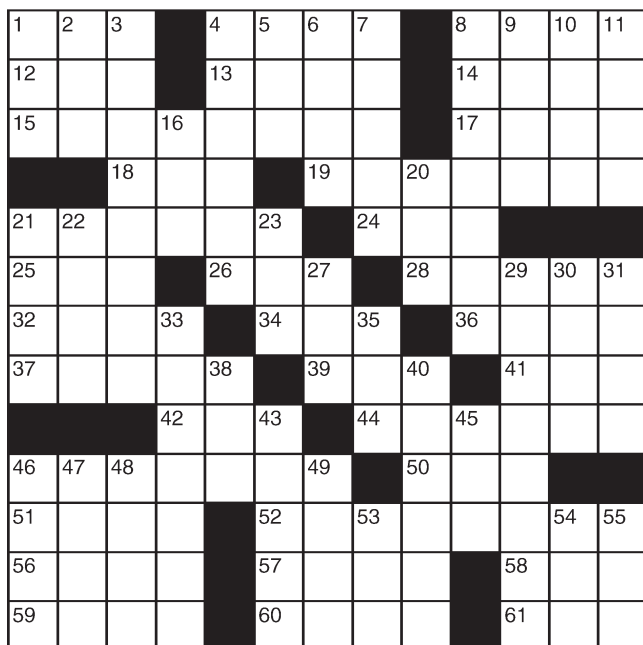
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34 Party bowlful
36 Farmer's place
37 Art supporter?
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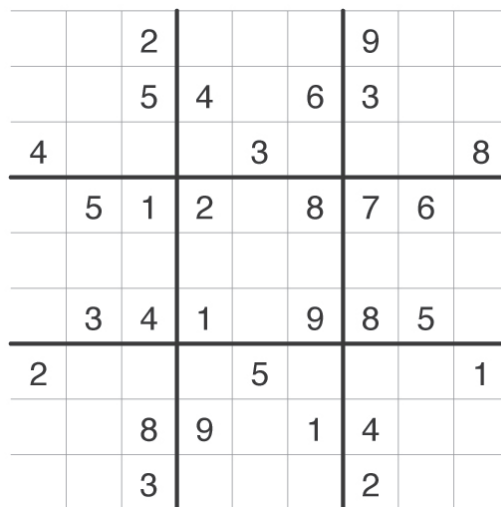


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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If you can quiet your mind for just a few minutes, you will discover what needs to be done.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You're popular right now. So long as you don't take liberties with loved ones, it will be a great day.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Face up to your emotional problems and sort them out once and for all.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Affairs of the heart should not be rushed. Take your time with a relationship today.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Don't let feelings get in the way of the fact that people may mislead you.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Don't go over the top and declare your undying passion for someone you may well have forgotten about by this time next week.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Money and status are important, of course, but love makes the world go 'round. It's all about balance.

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♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Spend time by yourself. Don't worry that friends might think you aren't being sociable.

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